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- There are reportedly regular contacts between the Partito Commista
 Italiano (PCI; Italian Communist Party) and the Parti Commiste
 Francais (FCP; French Communist Party). These contacts are couriers
 selected from among the most trustworth; commades whose association
 with the Party is generally unknown. The counters have regular passports and are engaged in normal commercial or journalistic activities.
 The number of the couriers is limited, and their activity is regulated by a Central Office of the PCI in charge of handling contacts with
 other Communist Parties. Edoardo D'Onofrio is believed to be the
 Director of this office.
- 2. Peripheral liaison is authorized for urgent questions in the frontier zones, in particular questions dealing with clandestine expatriation, introduction of propaganda materials, and facilitation of entrance and systemization of more or less official delegations. On the Italian side, the Regional Secretary with jurisdiction over the interested frontier zone is responsible.
- 3. The Liguria Regional Secretary uses the Imperia Federation for such needs and is in a position to provide courier services at any moment. The following individuals are being used by the Imperia Federation:
 - Libero Alborno, residing at Ventimiglia, Latte suburb (frazione) fervent Communist, is presumedly responsible for the paramilitary organization of the zone. In the past it has been reported that he held meetings of Italian and French Communists in his home, located in a mountain zone very close to the frontier line. He engages in contraband. He has considerable influence in the zone, especially with the guides. His contacts with the Communist Eraldo Salvai, residing in Mentone, have been ascertained. He allegedly is utilized by the Party, particularly for clandestine expatriation and has the collaboration of fishermen and guides, not yet identified, as well as Francesco Tosello, a blacksmith, born at Vallecrosia il March 1898, residing at Ventimiglia since 1925, coming from Marseilles. Tosello, a Communist, is well-known in the zone for his friendship to Alborno who about two years ago used him to get rid of several suitcases containing arms on the occasion of a possible police search of CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL - U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY

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- Nino Siccardi, alias Gurto, residing at Imperia, 17 Via Bonfante, was former commanding officer of partisan formations and former Political Questore of Imperia after 25 April 1945. He is allegedly a chief of the para-military organizations in the zone. Since 1950 he has been suspected of carrying out courier functions because of his frequent departures toward the French border and for his contacts with fishermen and guides. The Party put him aside after the disorders following the attempted assassination of Palmiro Togliatti when he assualted a priest. In December 1950 he was sentenced to prison for one year and two months. On 27 April 1950 he embarked as second machinist on the SS S. FELICE, which went to Rumanian and Bulgarian ports. In December 1950 he disombarked from the ship to stand trial. Since 3 January he has been working as first machinist on the SS ANCOBALENO, a merchant ship which touches Casablanca, Bona, and Dutch ports. Siccardi usually carries with him numerous copies of the Communist magasine Tie Nuove which he distributes to natives in African ports.
- For particularly delicate questions, the Regional Secretary uses a personal courier, allegedly Bruno Piombini. Piombini was born at Genoa. 31 July 1921, resides at 21 Via Privata Stefano Sanguineti, Genoa. He is an accountant and is employed by the Genoa City Hall and Secretary of Comme Employees Union, affiliated with the Italian General Confederation of Labor. Piombini has passport No.1643507/10673 issued by the Genoa Questura on 5 July 1949 for the purpose of contributing to "exchange of culture between Italy and other countries." Piombini was absent from Genoa for two months in the spring of 1951 when he is balieved to have gone to France. Now that Genoa has a Christian-Democrat administration, Piombini will probably no langer have the freedom of movement which he has had and will not be in a position to carry out tasks for the Party abroad.

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